

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Vickie Koelman, Administrator of Elections for Montgomery County, on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Vickie Koelman is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-six years as administrator of elections for Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Koelman earned her bachelor's degree in business administration and information systems from Middle Tennessee State University. She is also a University of Tennessee Certified Public Administrator and a graduate of Leadership Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Koelman began her extensive career in election administration as a poll worker, before moving up to become a deputy, and then ultimately being hired as Montgomery County's administrator of elections; and

WHEREAS, a devoted public servant to the Fort Campbell community, Vickie Koelman has worked with particular diligence in encouraging and facilitating voter participation by members of the military, whether deployed or serving at home; and

WHEREAS, after many years of dedication and service, Ms. Koelman will be taking a much deserved retirement on February 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Vickie Koelman grew up in Woodlawn and resides there to this day. She has been a member of Woodlawn United Methodist Church since childhood; and

WHEREAS, she is the proud mother of her daughter, Samantha, and the blessed grandmother of eight-year-old Izzie Beth and two-year-old Teagan Brooke. Ms. Koelman is expecting a third grandchild to be born in January 2017; and

WHEREAS, Vickie Koelman also contributes her time and talents to serving the Tennessee Association of County Election Officials in numerous positions as well as working on the Legislative Committee to improve the elections laws for the election officials and the voters of Tennessee. She also serves on the Supervisory Committee of the Fort Campbell Federal Credit Union, overseeing their internal audits; and

WHEREAS, Vickie Koelman exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Vickie Koelman has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Vickie Koelman our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.